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PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4655  
Iraq Liberation Act of 1998**

As cleared by the Congress on October 7, 1998

H.R. 4655 would authorize assistance to certain organizations that are opposed to the regime of Saddam Hussein and that support a transition to democracy in Iraq. The bill would require the President to designate one or more Iraqi opposition groups as eligible to receive military assistance from the United States and would authorize the President to provide aid from Department of Defense (DoD) stocks and services. Up to \$97 million in assistance could be provided from activities funded in appropriation acts for DoD. Although the bill would authorize the appropriation of funds to reimburse DoD, reimbursement is not required and has not been the practice in response to other drawdown authority.

Because H.R. 4655 could change the use of funds already appropriated to DoD, and thus the rate at which those funds are spent, the bill could affect direct spending. CBO expects that any such change would be negligible.

The estimate was prepared by Joseph C. Whitehill. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.